

Please amend the Table 1 heading at page 15, line 3, to read as follows:

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--Crystallographic data for hGHR₃₂₋₂₃₄ (SEQ ID NO: 3)--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 4.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5-10, 42 and 43 to read as follows:

E4 1. (Twice amended) A cytokine receptor protein of the Class I Cytokine family, modified in the extracellular domain, wherein at least one terminal molecule segment which contributes to a disordered structure is deleted, the modified protein being capable of being crystallized without being complexed to a ligand molecule.

E5 2. (Amended) A protein according to claim 1 being a homo- or heterodimeric cytokine receptor of the Class I Cytokine family.

E6 5. (Amended) A protein according to claim 1 truncated in its C-terminal and in its N-terminal end.

E7 6. (Twice Amended) A protein according to claim 5 wherein the cytokine receptor protein is human growth hormone receptor (hGHR).

E8 7. (Twice Amended) A human growth hormone receptor protein (hGHR) according to claim 6 having 31 or 33 terminal amino acid residues removed in its N-terminal end.

E9 8. (Third amendment) A human growth hormone receptor protein (hGHR) according to claim 6 having 3 or 4 terminal amino acid residues removed in its C-terminal end.

E10 9. (Fourth amendment) A human growth hormone receptor (hGHR) consisting of residues 32-237 (SEQ ID NO: 2), 32-234 (SEQ ID NO: 3), or 34-233 (SEQ ID NO: 4), of the native hGHR molecule.

E11 10. (Third amendment) A human growth hormone receptor (hGHR) according to claim 9 consisting of residues 32-237 (SEQ ID NO: 2), of the native hGHR molecule.

42. (Amended) Human growth hormone receptor protein, comprising human growth hormone receptor protein truncated in at least one terminal end to delete at least one molecule segment which contributes to a disordered structure, the modified human growth hormone receptor protein being capable of being crystallized without being complexed to a ligand molecule.

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43. (Amended) Human growth hormone receptor protein according to claim 42, truncated in its C-terminal end and in its N-terminal end.